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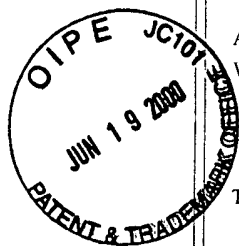
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Grey et al.

Application No.: 08/349,177

Filed: December 2, 1994

For: HLA-A2.1 BINDING PEPTIDES
AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Ronald B. Schwadron

Art Unit: 1644

RESPONSE TO OFFICE
COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 22, 2000, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

The Examiner alleges that Applicants' replies of 3/7/00 and 8/16/00 are not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the amendments do not address the rejections present in the Office Action mailed 11/9/98. Applicants submit that the rejections presented in the 11/9/98 Office Action were addressed in Applicants 8/16/00 amendment and response, which at page 2 requests cancellation of all pending claims without prejudice to subsequent revival, and also includes the following passage at page 15:

2. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, and 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

As Applicants have canceled all pending claims and submitted new claims 56-127 for examination, the rejections in the November 9, 1998

Office Action are now moot. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejections.

In view of the cancellation of the previously pending claims and entry of the amendment

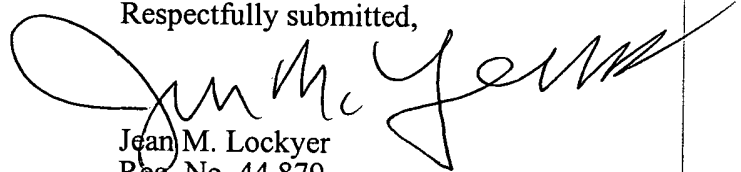
Accordingly, Applicants replies filed on 3/7/00 and 8/16/00 are fully responsive to the prior Office action. Applicants further point out that the Office Action dated November 5, 1999 indicates that claims 56-127 are the only pending claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the requirement to supply the omission or correction and again request withdrawal of the rejections present in the 11/9/98 Office Action.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200 or the in-house Attorney for Applicants Timothy J. Lithgow at 858-860-2514.

Respectfully submitted,



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